

Salaries in Korea Mission

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Oct 1895 Consider \$1200.00 sufficient salary for married man  
675.00 " " single woman  
" \$700.00 " " man

I have for a long time thought that the salaries in our Mission were higher than necessary and have frankly and freely said so.

Heretofore I have refrained from saying what I thought a sufficient salary for a married man but feeling that a single man is competent to hold an opinion on this as on any other business question I wish this year to state what my view is as to all the salaries.

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If the Southern Presbyterian Missionaries can live on a salary of \$1000.00 Gold and the Methodist Missionaries on from \$950.00 to \$1200.00 Gold (excluding some extras) our salary of \$1350.00 Gold is excessive.

I have for some time thought that \$2200.00 Gold would be the proper amount for salary of a married man but should like to see it fixed at \$1250.00 until such time as the Mission might think it advisable to again raise the question.

The salary of a single lady now fixed at \$675.00 Gold does not seem to me excessive. The former salary of \$500.00 was without doubt unreasonably high. I should be loath to see the salary made less than \$650.00 Gold, even tho' the ladies themselves

may be willing to receive less.

The Salary of a Single Gentleman was placed at \$800.00. I feel altho when I was the only single gentleman in the Mission I suggested \$600.00 as a sufficient amount.

I still believe \$800.00 to be sufficient. Altho in my judgment the proper amount - altho I shall be perfectly willing to accept \$750.00 should the Board think that sufficient. To provide less than the latter amount would in my judgment be a detriment to the work.

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I can see no reasons for making a distinction between different Stations. There are advantages and disadvantages peculiar to each. Transportation to the interior is very expensive but this is offset by the fact that many calls for money met by those in the ports are not met by those in the interior.

Trusting that this may throw one more side light and help towards a just decision on the part of the Board.

Very Sincerely,

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